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SUBJECT: SENIOR ARMAMENT REPRESENTATIVES MEETING ON ARMY
TOPICS, 21-22 FEBRUARY 1978

REFS: A. STATE 307951, DTG 272322Z DEC 77; B. STATE 015663,
DTG 200017Z JAN 78; C. TELEPHONE CALL FROM MR. TUROWSKI,
FRG EMBASSY, 7 FEB 78

REQUEST ADDRESSEE DAOS, WITH AMBASSADOR'S CONCURRENCE,
DELIVER SOONEST THE MESSAGE BELOW FROM DR. V. GARBER,
OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, RESEARCH AND
ENGINEERING, TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WITHIN
RESPECTIVE HOST COUNTRIES: UK - MR. VICTOR MACKLIN;
FRANCE - IGA CAUCHIE; FRG - DR. JOHANNES TRIENES. CONTENTS
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SHOULD BE CIRCULATED WITHIN ADDRESSEE MISSIONS ON A NEED
TO KNOW BASIS AND NOT BEYOND US, UK, FRANCE AND FRG. EACH
INDIVIDUAL SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT IDENTICAL MESSAGES HAVE
GONE TO THE OTHER TWO.

BEGIN TEXT.

1. REFERENCE C CONFIRMED THE DATES (21-22 FEB 78) AND THE PROPOSED AGENDA FOR THE ARMY SAR MEETING TO BE HELD IN BONN. THE US DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY LTG DONALD KEITH.

2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR MESSAGES (REFERENCES A AND B) AND THE CONFIRMATION DISCUSSED ABOVE, THE US REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE PREPARED TO ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING TOPICS ACCORDING TO THE AGENDA PREPARED BY THE HOST (FRG) REPRESENTATIVES:

- A. FIRE SUPPORT AND MINES EQUIPMENT PACKAGE
- B. MLRS MOU STATUS
- C. AHAMS REQUIREMENT (TOW/HOT REPLACEMENT)

3. FIRE SUPPORT AND MINES EQUIPMENT PACKAGE.

AS WE STATED ON 27 DEC 77, WE ENVISION ADDRESSING A PACKAGE CONSISTING OF A COMMON FAMILY OF FIRE SUPPORT AND MINES SYSTEMS/MUNITIONS SIMILAR TO THE PROCEDURE USED AT THE AIR FORCE SNR MEETING. DOING THIS AND REACHING AN AGREEMENT ON THE SYSTEMS TO GO IN THE PACKAGE WILL BE THE FIRST INITIATIVE IN ATTAINING THE GOALS OF: 1) REDUCING THE NUMBER OF DIFFERENT WEAPONS SYSTEMS IN THE NATO INVENTORY; AND 2) COMBINING R AND D EFFORTS AND RESOURCES MORE EFFICIENTLY. OUR INITIAL SUGGESTIONS FOR SYSTEMS THAT MIGHT BE INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE ARE:
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- MULTIPLE LAUNCH ROCKET SYSTEM (MLRS)
- ASSAULT BREAKER
- SP70 HOWITZER
- UK 81MM MORTAR
- ARTILLERY DELIVERED MINES

WE ASK THAT YOUR REPRESENTATIVES BRING TO THE MEETING YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE PACKAGE. WE ARE ATTACHING TO THIS MESSAGE A PAPER ON THE ASSAULT BREAKER CONCEPT, AND WILL BE PREPARED TO BRIEF ON IT AT THE MEETING.

4. MLRS.

THE US AND FRG HAVE A SIGNED QUOTE DECLARATION OF INTENT UNQUOTE FOR A COOPERATIVE EFFORT ON THE MLRS, AND THE UK AND US HAVE INITIATED SIMILAR EFFORTS. OUR PROJECT MANAGER HAS ALSO BEEN DISCUSSING THE PROGRAM WITH APPROPRIATE FRENCH AUTHORITIES AND HE WILL BE FORWARDING MORE PROGRAM DATA AS REQUESTED BY FRANCE PRIOR TO THE MEETING. WE ANTICIPATE THAT THIS MEETING IS AN APPROPRI-

ATE FORUM FOR REACHING TENTATIVE AGREEMENTS ON INDIVIDUAL
COUNTRY INVOLVEMENT IN THE MLRS PROGRAM.

5. AHAMS (TOW/HOT REPLACEMENT).

WE WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS OUR REQUIREMENTS FOR
THIS PROGRAM AND HOW THEY COMPARE TO YOUR REQUIREMENTS.

6. ASSAULT BREAKER CONCEPT.

WE ARE PROVIDING COPIES OF A PAPER DESCRIBING THE
ASSAULT BREAKER CONCEPT TO YOUR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON,
D.C.

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